

left: Dr. Earl Kelly, John Mobley, Dr. David Grant, Henry Hederman, Henry Holman, Jr. and Hayes C. Cutt.



War And Prayer

JERUSALEM — An Orthodox Jew glances at the gun of an Israeli soldier in prayer as he turns from the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, shortly after the Mid-East cease-fire went into effect. (RNS Photo)

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Baptist Bible Institute, San Antonio, Tex.

Evangelism Division Reorganized

Directors of the Board have appointed a realignment of the board's evangelism division into three depart-

Symposium

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Cole, Academic Dean of Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon, on "Concerns and Opportunities of the Private Liberal Arts College."

Moderating the panel discussion will be Dr. Ralph Noonkester, President of William Carey College in Hattiesburg. Other panelists will be Dr. Charles Salis, Professor of History at Millsaps College in Jackson, Mrs. Sarah Washburn, Associate Professor of Social Science at Blue Mountain, Dr. Sarah Rouse, Chairman of the Division of Humanities at Mississippi College in Clinton and Dr. B. C. Njoku, Academic Dean of Rust College in Holly Springs.

Dr. Hearn said, "The purpose of this project is to bring attention to and recognition of the contributions made by small colleges and to assist administrators, faculties, trustees and government officials in defining ways in which the small colleges can better serve their students, their communities and their sponsoring bodies."

Blue Mountain College is one of nine private four-year colleges in Mississippi and is sponsoring the symposium through a grant from the Mississippi Committee of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The other eight schools are Belhaven College, Millsaps College, Mississippi College, Mississippi Industrial College, Rust College, Tougaloo College, Whitworth College and William Carey. All are expected to have representatives at the symposium.

"The qualifications of the speakers at this symposium are very impressive and we feel that out of this meeting will come a better awareness of common goals, common problems and common ideas as well as reviving a sense of pride in the small college and its contributions," Dr. Hearn said.

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SBC Cooperative

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\$17 (or 1.2 per cent) lower than the same period last year.

Total contributions to world missions (through the Cooperative Program and designated gifts) reached \$3,461,338 in November. That 33.66 per cent higher than last November's \$2,590,635.

Overall figures for the two months of the 1973 - 74 fiscal year rose to \$6,411,146, an increase of \$764,061 (or 13.33 per cent) over the \$5,647,084 received at the same point in 1972-73.

Religious Editors Call For Action Now

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lower than those reported during 1972. This decrease can be attributed in large part to legislation passed last year which is referred to as the implied consent law."

In calling for action now, the subject for the editorial in The Baptist Record is "A Time for Action," the one in Mississippi today is "It's Time To End the Slaughter," and The Mississippi Methodist Advocate has "Implied Consent Laws Need Strengthening" for the subject of its editorial.

The Baptist Record reports that "Governor Waller has made a strong call for safety on the highways, and has been working diligently with the Highway Patrol in an effort to get drinking drivers off the road, and to encourage safety on the part of all drivers."

The same publication also points out that "the Lieutenant Governor called for passage of legislation to help eliminate the drinking drivers from the

roads, and otherwise strengthen the liquor control laws."

The publications generally refer to several bills that have been pre-filed in the Legislature, designed to strengthen the liquor control laws.

The editors encourage their readers to support the legislators who have pre-filed the bills and also urge their readers to contact their own legislative representatives, urging them to support the bills.

Editor Lawrence of the Mississippi United Methodist Advocate says that "our implied consent laws definitely need to be reinforced."

He says that "presently a person is said to be 'under the influence' if his chemical test registers .10%, and a

new bill pre-filed would reduce this to .07%."

The Advocate further says that the law at present does not consider a person intoxicated until the amount of alcohol in his bloodstream is .15% (based on milligrams of alcohol per one hundred cubic centimeters of blood, as shown by breath, blood or urine, chemical analysis). "This is unrealistic," Editor Lawrence declared.

Other pre-filed bills also call for stiffer penalties for offenders. One editor sees these bills as helpful in getting drinking drivers off the roads.

Mississippi Today tells of two cases. One was that a drinking driver who killed a man, received a \$200 fine, and was released. The other was

also about a man who had been drinking. He walked into a bar, shot and killed a man, for which he received imprisonment for life.

Both killers had one thing in common. They had been drinking. "Why the difference," Editor Bonney asks.

Writing further the same editor says that "Mississippians must face the facts."

Mississippi Today also carried a reprint of the editorial in The Baptist Record.

Editor Odle in The Baptist Record says that "the Legislature holds the key". It is being asked to strengthen the laws, so officials can remove these drinking drivers from the roads.

"Every responsible Mississippi citizen should favor them, and should let his legislative representative know that he wants action taken."

Editor Lawrence said in closing that "we have to share the public roads with the irresponsible person who thinks that he or she can drink alcohol, a chemical depressant, and still safely operate a three-ton vehicle. Only concerned citizens can press for stronger laws to deal with such an obvious crime, and churchmen should take the lead in this effort."

Clay Gibson Named To Health Council



Governor Bill Waller is shown presenting Clay Gibson of Philadelphia to a Commission appointing him to the State Health Planning Advisory Council.

Gov. Bill Waller has announced the appointment of Clay Gibson of Philadelphia to the State Health Planning Advisory Council, which serves in an advisory capacity to the Division of Comprehensive Health Planning, Governor's Office.

Mr. Gibson is also available for pulpit supply, or as a missions speaker.

A Choctaw Indian and an ordained Baptist minister, he holds an A. B. degree from Clarke College, B. A. from Mississippi College and B. D. from Southwestern Seminary.

Past chairman of the Choctaw

Resolution Is Tribute

To W. E. Strange

The Board of Ministerial Education, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, has adopted a resolution, paying tribute to the life of William E. Strange. Mr. Strange, of Clinton, died at Oxford September 29, 1973. The resolution stated in part: "He was a fine Christian, faithful Sunday School teacher, dedicated teacher of mathematics at Mississippi College for thirty years, counselor and advisor of Mississippi College students, secretary of and a worker with the Board of Ministerial Education of the Mississippi Baptist Convention for many years, loyal member of Calvary Baptist Church, a loving husband, a kind father and an ever-ready friend to all who knew and came in contact with him."

"In his departure Mississippi College, the city of Clinton, the state of Mississippi, the members of Calvary Baptist Church, his friends, his associates in the teaching profession and all who had the privilege of knowing him have sustained an irreparable loss, which is more particularly felt by his loyal and devoted wife, his son and two daughters, his sister and brother."

"His noble life of achievement is ended on this earth, but in the light of his unwavering faith in God, his unselfish service to God and man, and his exemplary conduct as a fine Christian, his family and all who have had the privilege of knowing him have been inspired and lifted up by his fine example of a beautiful Christian life well lived, from which we who are left behind should take new courage for the tasks of life that are ours."

T. O. Proctor Dies; Pastor, Interstate, Shaw (Bolivar)

Rev. T. O. Proctor, pastor of the Interstate Church, R.F.D., Shaw, died on Sunday afternoon, December 9, after having been in the hospital about eight days.

The Record has received few details concerning Bro. Proctor, but has learned that he had been at the Interstate Church only about two months, coming to the church from Cruger. Surviving him is his wife and some children.

Funeral services were scheduled to be held Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 11 a.m. from the Jordan Funeral Home in Kosciusko.

The Convention President Speaks

It seems to me that we as Christians have at least a twofold reason for cooperating and doing what we can to conserve energy during this crisis.

One reason is we have a Biblical admonishment to obey those who rule over us. Our President of the United States and our governor have issued requests that we drive not more than 50 miles per hour in our automobiles on the highways. Several other requests have been made. Even though this is not law at the present time, I believe it is our duty to heed such requests.

The other reason is that we as Christians have a moral obligation to help in times of need. I do not know much about what is involved in this shortage and this crisis, but it is difficult for me to imagine a person who calls himself a Christian to flagrantly disregard the need and feel that he or she is an exception.

This may be completely beyond my realm of jurisprudence, but I don't think so. Let me make a plea that you observe the speed limit request and do not consider yourself an exception. I also want to urge you to obey the other requests to conserve energy. There are ways that we can do things every beyond what we are asked to do.

Then I think it behooves every Christian to make this a matter of prayer. We need to pray for our leaders who must make decisions and pass laws. We need to pray for engineers and others who seek new ways of doing things and thus stay out of the crisis.

Discipline is a needed factor in most of our lives. Why don't we practice some at this point? — David Grant.

Leesburg To Dedicate New Building

Leesburg Church, Rankin County, will dedicate their new church building Sunday afternoon, December 16, at 2 p.m. Dr. Foy Rogers, director, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will bring the dedicatory message.

Dinner will be served on the grounds following the 11 a.m. worship hour. Rev. Maurice Wicker, pastor, states that all former pastors, members, and friends are invited.

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statewide plan of giving for individuals, as follows:

Six conference rooms at \$6,000 each; 122 bedrooms at \$3000 each; two meeting rooms at \$10,000 each; program director's office, \$4,000; manager's office, \$4,000; lounge - lobby, \$50,000; dining room, \$60,000; day care facility, \$30,000; book store, \$8,000; gift shop, \$12,000; pulpit furnishings, \$3,000; infirmary, \$10,000 and auditorium, \$100,000.

Dr. Grant said that individuals could give any amount they desired but he felt that many will take advantage of the chance to give one or more of the "Living Memorials" for the facility.

Many churches in the state have already voted to participate by giving the two percent of their budgets for the next three years.

One other area, No. Six, which includes the Hattiesburg and Gulf Coast area, held its kick-off meeting Nov. 28, with Paul McMullan, of Hattiesburg, chairman, in charge.

Clinard Dies In Automobile Accident In Abilene, Texas

ABILENE, Texas (BP)—Gordon Clinard, 51, former professor at two Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) seminaries, was killed in an automobile accident here.

Funeral services were held here, with burial in Fort Worth.



At the time of his death, he was professor of Bible at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene.

He also was professor of preaching at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, 1955-66. Clinard, born in Springfield, Tenn., served as pastor of the First Baptist Churches of San Angelo, Tex., Huntsville, Tex., and Burleson, Tex. He was former president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and former chairman of the Texas convention's executive board.

He received both his bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern Seminary. He also was graduated from Union University in Jackson, Tenn.

To Interpret 100-Year History

Blue Mountain

A major dramatic presentation which will interpret the 100 year history of Blue Mountain College has been announced by the school with production dates set for the nights of March 8-9, 1974 and will feature a cast and staff of more than 200.

Guidance of the massive production is under the direction of Orlin Corey, theatrical producer of the Everyman Players and playwright for the presentation. He will be assisted by Mrs. Charles Hill, Dean of Students at Blue Mountain.

Corey is from Pineville, Kentucky and has lectured at colleges throughout the United States as well as in England, South Africa, Chile, India and Thailand. He has toured nationally with productions of ELECTRA of Sophocles in 1971, Shakespeare's THE TEMPEST in 1972 and has just concluded the 15th consecutive season of the BOOK OF JOB.

"This theatrical production will employ both spectacle and human interest, incident and humor, the disasters and achievements of the 100 years Blue Mountain College has been in operation," Corey said. "I think the things brought out in this presenta-

tion will be of keen interest to all people in this area and will confront them with the realities of women's education and the alternatives available for private colleges of Christian commitment in America in 1974 and beyond, into the 21st century."

The production has been named THE FOREHEAD OF THE MORNING and will feature an actress from the professional theatre, who will be named at a later date, as guest artist. Production and cast members will be drawn from the college and from throughout the region.

Design for the event will be by Ken Holamon, II of New York and lighting by James Hull Miller of Shreveport, Louisiana. The musical director will be Edward Ludlow of the Blue Mountain music department and stage management by Johnnie Armstrong, also of the college. Artistic execution of the settings will be by Charles Clark chairman of the BMC art department and costumes by Lisa Meredith of Blue Mountain.

The production will be staged on the Blue Mountain campus and will highlight a week-end of activities commemorating the centennial celebration of the school.



MILLER DOES ADVANCE WORK—Judy Crawford (left) and Leah Baker (right) both of Blue Mountain College discuss with James Hull Miller some of the technical aspects of lighting the outdoor production of "Forehead of the Morning," an original production by Orlin Corey which will be presented on the BMC campus March 8-9, 1974. Miller will serve the project as lighting director and is from Shreveport, Louisiana.

Gives \$4500 To Lottie Moon In One Day

Laurel, Highland, Supports Foreign Mission Board One Hour

"Miracles really took place in Highland Church, Laurel on December 2," reports the pastor, Rev. Ralph Graves. High goals for attendance and missions offering were all surpassed. Goals were combinations of the number 42. The goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions was set for \$4,200.00 (approximately the amount needed to support the work of the entire Foreign Mission Board for one hour); the goal for Sunday School was 420; and the goal for Church Training was 210 (half of 420). Forty-two flags from nations in which Southern Baptists have mis-

sionaries were secured from the Foreign Mission Board for display during the morning worship hour and for a flag procession at the evening service.

After the night service the following "miracles" were reported: 421 attended Sunday School, 229 were present for Church Training, and a total of \$4,500.27 had been given for the Lottie Moon special offering (the largest in the church's history). The offering is expected to exceed \$5,000.00 before the end of December.

Pastor Graves, who is in his fourth year at Highland, says that the idea for the day's theme

came to him while listening to Dr. Baker James Cauthen at the Southern Baptist Convention last June. A letter from the pastor was sent in September to all the men of the church explaining the goals and asking those who would be "Minutemen for Missions" by pledging seventy dollars above their regular church gifts to sign a pledge card. (This amount would support the Foreign Mission Board's work for one minute.) More than forty members and some Sunday School departments and classes accepted the challenge. A mission interest center, prepared by Ray Fielder and Libby

Moffett, was placed in the baptistry window. It showed a clock suspended over a giant world. The hands of the clock measured the "hour of support" during the morning worship service on December 2.

Dr. Earl Kelly, Executive Secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was the special missions speaker for the morning worship hour. Highland's Youth Choir, under the direction of Jim Young, minister of music and youth, sang the missions cantata, "To Tell the Untold," at the evening service. Mrs. Young also directed the flag procession.



Pastor Ralph Graves, second from right, presents Highland's check for \$4200 for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering to Dr. Earl Kelly, second from left. Maurice Flowers, superintendent of missions for Jones Association, is at left. Lester Nicholson, Highland's minister of education, is at right. Dr. Kelly was special missions day speaker.

Seminary Professor Criticizes Self-Appointed Orthodoxy Groups

By Theo Sommerkamp

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (BP) — A seminary professor of Christian theology warned in a speech here that "self-appointed orthodoxy committees are the kiss of death."

Wayne E. Ward of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, said he had been approached by a member of such a committee and told that if he (Ward) could not sign a statement of faith the committee was drafting, "then you're gone."

Ward, addressing messengers to the annual session of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said self-appointed committees of orthodoxy have contributed to the decline of other Baptist groups, both in the United States and abroad.

He said he had "gladly signed" two "voluntary statements" — the seminary's own articles of faith and the Baptist Faith and Message statement passed by the Southern Baptist Convention. He stressed the voluntary

nature of these statements, as contrasted with the coerced nature of statements drafted by the self-appointed committees.

Committees of orthodoxy were just one of four "storm signals" Ward sees on the radar screen of Southern Baptist life. The other three are the charismatic movement, the role of associations and conventions and preoccupation with "secondary issues."

Ward branded tactics of the self-appointed committees of orthodoxy as "unChristian, unBiblical, unBaptistic."

"This kind of Gestapo-like, heresy-hunting committee is one of the most ominous things to appear among Southern Baptists," he declared.

The committees on orthodoxy to which he apparently referred have sprung up in the aftermath of debate in recent years in Southern Baptist life over doctrinal positions.

He said Southern Baptists must adhere to their traditional stance — "the Bible is the only rule of faith and practice."

Baptists, Ward said, have used confessions of faith "as voluntary expressions of their beliefs... but they have never turned around and used these as a club over their fellow-Baptists."

"The increasing polarization of Baptists over charismatics and non-charismatics" constitutes another storm signal, Ward asserted.

"The current attempt to designate tongues, or power over demons, or the gift of healing, as the special sign of a 'full-gospel' Christian is a flagrant distortion of the New Testament," the Louisville professor continued.

"The clear line of position through this charismatic conflict is to emphasize and major on the work and person of the Holy Spirit in the Christian life," Ward noted. "However, we magnify not the Holy Spirit, but Jesus."

He pointed out tongues have been used in pagan religions, animism, Hinduism and all world religions, where the Holy Spirit was never heard of.

Ward feels there is a place for charismatic expressions when they enrich a Christian's private devotional life, but not in the middle of the church.

"I am right now trying to help dozens of pastors regarding the charismatic movement," Ward said. "Some of the pastors are entwined in the movement personally, while others are finding it a divisive force within their memberships."

A third tornado warning for the denomination is what Ward described as "the usurping of church authority by some Baptist associations and conventions."

Baptists must continue, he said, to



Groundbreaking In Montana

Sunday afternoon, November 18, First Baptist Church of Three Forks, Montana broke ground for a new mission building at Four Corners, a rapidly developing area west of Bozeman, Montana. The 42 persons attending the ceremony shoveled out a cross in the ground. Rev. Roger Hill, pastor of the Three Forks Church, is shown in the photograph holding the shovel handle.

The Three Forks church made a downpayment on two acres of land over a year ago. Various churches and individuals have been helping to pay the indebtedness on this land. The developer of the subdivision gave an additional 1 1/2 acres of land, which is clear of debt, allowing the church building to be started. Only \$4,500 is needed to pay the land in full.

The church in Three Forks will provide leadership for the new mission as long as it is needed. Previously the church has sponsored missions in Whitehall and West Yellowstone. Financial assistance for the work is coming from churches and associations in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. Assistance from Mississippi has come from First Church, Greenville; Forest Hill Church, Jackson; Clarke County Association; Wayne County Association; and several individuals. First Church, Quitman, and Pachuta Church have helped the mother church at Three Forks.

The exterior of the building will be built by a contractor but the interior will be done by volunteer labor. Volunteers are needed who can work on the building in February and March.

remember that "the local church is the supreme instrument of God's redeeming mission in this world. Baptist headquarters is not at the convention office or the associational building." The headquarters, he said, is the local church.

Although he didn't get specific in his speech, Ward later told a reporter he was referring to state Baptist conventions and associations which try to impose membership standards on such questions as "alien immersion" and "open communion."

The final warning flare lighted by Ward pertained to secondary issues. He said, "We are squandering our energies" on them. "I am fed up with the haggling and bickering over purely secondary issues which have been going on for decades," Ward said.

Such infighting, he continued, diverts attention from "the main track

Christian Action - - -

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Thursday, January 17, are Immanuel, Cleveland; Bruce, First, Quitman; Carriage Hills, Southaven; Grace Memorial, Gulfport; Calvary, Jackson; Lexington; Prentiss; First, Ellisville; Dekalb; Trinity, Carthage; 38th Ave., Hattiesburg; Calvary, Tupelo; Clark Venable, Decatur; Calvary, Starkville; First, Poplarville; First, Pearl; and Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg.

January 24th will be the date of the rally in the West Heights Church of Pontotoc.

The program will be divided into two sessions, beginning at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

of the Great Commission of our Lord — to make disciples, baptize them and teach them."

Missionaries Believe God Spared Bangladesh

By Charles A. Beckett

DACCA, Bangladesh — Natural calamities strike Bangladesh with shocking frequency.

Reports of cyclones, floods, tornadoes, threatening "depressions" in the Bay of Bengal and rail and boat mishaps repeatedly replace other news on radio, TV and in the press within Bangladesh. The "crisis-oriented-mentality" found here is not a recently evolved syndrome.

A recent week in November contained the typical nerve-shattering suspension in all of its cruelty. Meteorological reports located a deep depression in the "path of death," the Bay of Bengal.

Already in Dacca, the sky was dark and wind-driven rain was falling. An unusual drop in temperature added to the warning of impending danger.

Days passed as the slow-moving storm intensified and moved northward toward the islands and southern portions of one of the poorest and most densely populated nations in the world.

Government officials assured the 75 million people that emergency measures including evacuations, a nationwide alert and the movement of supplies and teams of medical personnel were underway. The tension increased hourly as reports were received. Life as usual was impossible in offices, universities, shops or homes.

During this particular week, about 80 missionaries and rehabilitation workers had assembled for the 1973 Dacca Convention. One missionary reported that the storm was expected to strike the coastal areas with winds of 100 miles per hour and a wave of 20 to 28 feet (the official estimate of the size of the tidal wave in the 1970 storm which claimed thousands of lives was only 19 feet).

Veteran missionaries spoke and prayed in emotion-laden words. Some of them had ministered to the survivors of the storms of 1970 and earlier years. They were fully aware of the tremendous dangers. "Spare the nation, Oh, God!" was the prayer. As had been true during earlier sessions, this meeting of the Convention closed with prayer that the storm might not bring destruction to Bangladesh.

The morning after the storm struck, readied relief planes, poised personnel and tons of medical supplies remained unmoved. Miraculously the storm diminished, changed directions and in its weakened state brought only heavy rain and mild winds to areas of Bangladesh and India lying north of the Bay of Bengal.

A newspaper reporter commented, "We were spared this time," realiz-

ing that escape from calamity has not always been possible in Bangladesh. Those of us who prayed together that week realize that God possibly brought us together for this purpose. He spared the nation!



Six Earn Degrees At Southwestern, One Doctorate

Six students from Mississippi will receive degrees during winter commencement exercises to be held at Southwestern Seminary, December 14, 10 a.m. Brooks H. Wester, pastor of First Church, Hattiesburg, will be the commencement speaker.

The six Mississippians to graduate are: Melody Ann Barham, Columbus, Master of Religious Education; William Lamar Brown, Grenada, Master of Divinity; James Carey Jeter, West Point, Master of Divinity; Bev Thomas Kennedy, Jr., Madison, Master of Divinity; John David Lockhart, Jackson, Master of Divinity; Philip Benard Smith, Meadville, Doctor of Education.

Yarbrough Resigns Calvary, Vicksburg

Rev. Jimmy Yarbrough has resigned as pastor of Calvary Church, Vicksburg, effective the last Sunday of February, 1974.

Mr. Yarbrough will have served the church for seven years and 10 months. During this period of time the Sunday School attendance has tripled since the old church building was torn down and replaced by a new educational building and auditorium. New construction plus a new pastorage puts the property value of the church at \$350,000. Gifts to the Cooperative Program have grown in proportion to the budget since the budget has almost tripled.

Twelve men have been called to preach while baptisms and additions have ranked with the four top churches in Warren County. The church has given Mr. Yarbrough a check for \$1,000 as a token of their love and appreciation for his dedicated service. A member of the church states, "Calvary regrets to see Bro. Yarbrough leave and would recommend him as a man of God, who preaches the Word of God."

His plans right now are to move to Jackson the last of February if the Lord does not open a door of service before, and there he will wait for God's place of service.

Assassination Threat Increased Mission Concern

DALLAS (BP) — Recalling how his life had been threatened by a Viet Cong assassin, a Southern Baptist missionary to Vietnam told 800 Baptist pastors and laymen here he planned to return to Vietnam despite the harrowing experience he endured before his furlough to the United States.

Peyton Moore, a native of Mississippi now living in Arlington, Tex., said at a national Southern Baptist prayer breakfast for foreign missions that he could now thank God for that experience because it made him realize why he was there and understand his purpose in life.

"Not long ago I looked into the muzzle of a .38 revolver and a face contorted with misery, frustration, bitterness and hatred," Moore said. A Viet Cong assassin told him "in broken English" his house was surrounded by soldiers and that he would die if he made any shout or attempt at retaliation, Moore continued.

He told the group that the Viet Cong threatened to rape his wife, to kill him, his family and his friends. Then, almost miraculously, the soldiers left as suddenly as they had come, Moore said.

"I'm grateful that by the power of God we were saved from that very bitter, very traumatic and potentially terminal experience, Moore told the prayer breakfast group.

Moore, director of the Baptist Communications Center in Saigon, said he was grateful for the experience now, "for in that moment, God took full control of my life."

He said he looked forward to returning to Vietnam with the prayer that "God's power can accomplish something the greatest army in the world could not — peace with freedom in the Land of the Sammler Dragon."



Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, issues a challenge for 800 pastors and laymen to support foreign missions with prayer and gifts during the National Prayer Breakfast for Foreign Missions at Dallas, sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission. To the right of Cooper is Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board who also spoke.—Photo by David Clanton

Moore was one of four Southern Baptist missionaries who shared their personal experiences with the 800 Baptists from 19 states gathered at the Statler Hilton Hotel here for the breakfast sponsored by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, the denomination's agency which works with laymen and boys.

Baker James Cauthen of Richmond, executive secretary of the SBC

Foreign Mission Board, pointed out that while other denominations were cutting back on the number of missionaries overseas, Southern Baptists continued to increase their missionary force and financial support of missions.

In 1948, he said, the SBC had only about 600 missionaries in 19 countries around the world. Now the mission board has a budget of \$42.6 million and some 2500 missionaries in 77 countries.

Purpose of the prayer breakfast, said Glendon McCullough, the Brotherhood Commission's chief executive, was to motivate support among Baptist laymen for raising \$20 million in an annual special Christmas offering for foreign missions among some 35,000 churches of the 12 million member convention.

Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., president of the Southern Baptist Convention and retired industrialist, told the laymen not to minimize their role in missions, for although all Christians are in a sense missionaries, not all can go overseas.

Cooper urged them not to neglect their role as a sender and provider and asked that they return to their churches avowed to increase mission gifts and prayer support for missionaries like Peyton Moore around the world.

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A Time For Action

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on the highways, and has been working diligently with the Highway Patrol in an effort to get drinking drivers off the roads, and to encourage safety on the part of all drivers. His Highway Safety Committee has been busy in this effort. The recent decreases in highway deaths indicate the effectiveness of the actions which already have been taken. Last week the Lieutenant Governor called for passage of further legislation to help eliminate the drinking drivers from the roads, and otherwise strengthen the liquor control laws. Several members of the legislature have joined in pre-filing bills to do something about it. They deserve the support of all Mississippians.

Are there actually a sizable number of drinking drivers on Mississippi roads? On June 21, 1973, the Clarion-Ledger quoted Governor Waller as saying, "In 1972, the Highway Patrol reported 21,000 tests under 'Implied Consent' to find 92% under the influence. Seventy per cent of the fatalities tested were under the influence or intoxicated according to the present law."

The present law counts a person "under the influence" only if the alcohol content of his blood is .15% or more. Experts say that the driving of some

people is effected if they have .10% or even .05% alcohol in the blood. Moreover, many states have set the level at .10% in their tests.

According to the Governor's statement, 70% of the tests made in fatality cases, found alcohol involved. Such a finding, certainly calls for drastic action to get these drinking persons off the highways.

What are these drinking drivers doing on the highways? They are killing themselves, and they are killing other people.

A few weeks ago an outstanding young man from Millsaps College, a Christian young man, who had spent his vacation time in mission work, was killed by a drinking driver.

In July of this year 11 persons were killed on a Mississippi highway in one accident. The investigating officer reported that liquor was involved.

Several years ago, an outstanding Baptist minister of the state died in a crash caused by a drunken driver.

The story could be repeated over and over, actually hundreds of times each year. It is a case of tragic carnage along the highways, with crushed lives, broken bodies, and suffering and heartache that goes on and on.

Visit the emergency room of any hospital!

Stand in the intensive care units!

Listen to the wails of the sirens of

ambulances as they sound through the night!

And then join in the effort to clear the highways of these tragedies!

Can something be done? Without question it can!

The legislature holds one key! It is being asked to strengthen the laws, so officials can remove these drinking drivers from the roads.

Several bills already have been pre-filed for consideration in the upcoming session of the legislature.

One proposed bill establishes "presumption of driving while intoxicated" at .10% alcoholic content of the blood; and "presumption of driving under influence" when the content is ".7 to .10%." The present law is .15%.

Another bill calls for the person who refuses the Implied Consent test to lose his driver's license for 30 days.

Still another bill deals with penalties, requiring special schooling after the first offense; treatment after the second offense; a mandatory 30 day jail sentence for the third offense; and a requirement that any person charged with driving while intoxicated be held in protective custody for 24 hours after his arrest.

We see every one of those bills as being helpful in getting drinking drivers off the roads. Enforcement will be easier and more effective.

The legislature should deal with these issues, and act on them quickly. They need to go into effect as quickly as possible.

Every responsible Mississippi citizen should favor them, and should let his legislative representatives know that he wants action taken.

There is not a single reason which can be given for not wanting to get drinking drivers off the roads.

These are bills which will make the highways safer for every Mississippian. They are needed and needed now!

There also are other liquor bills which have been pre-filed, which, while not related specifically to drinking drivers, also are important and need to be passed. These include bills to label all alcoholic beverages as "drugs," to provide a Universities Center on alcohol abuse and alcoholism, and to provide for alcohol education in the schools. These are needed actions in dealing with the alcohol problem, and we favor them.

Gulfshore Drive, Second Phase

The campaign to raise funds for the rebuilding of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly continues.

During the early fall a drive was made urging churches to place the program in their budgets. Churches all over the state accepted the challenge, and almost two-thirds of the \$1,250,000 goal is reported to have been pledged. Apparently some churches still are considering the proposal.

Now the campaign has moved into a second stage, as organization has been set up for contact of individual Baptists across the state, to give them opportunity to share in the rebuilding of the facility. It is probable that thou-

sands of individuals will be contacted, and the goals should be reached without difficulty.

Outstanding laymen are leading in this phase of the campaign and they deserve a sympathetic hearing of all of those whom they contact. The rebuilding of the assembly is a worthy project, which can bless Mississippi Baptist work for a long time to come.

Those individuals who do not happen to be visited by one of the team members, but who wish to share in the effort, may do so by making a designated gift through their churches, or by sending a check, designated for Gulfshore, directly to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

NEWEST BOOKS

New Testament Section Of New International Version Ready

THE NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION
—NEW TESTAMENT (Zondervan, 573 pp., \$5.95) Another version of the Bible? Why? Those who are responsible for the preparation of this new version give several reasons, but one of the most convincing is as follows: "Communicate God's Revelation in the language of the people — TO DO FOR OUR TIME WHAT THE KING JAMES VERSION DID FOR ITS DAY." This new version is not the work of one man, but of a team of over 100 scholars who hold a "High View of the Scripture." In other words these are conservative scholars who believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God. There are no critical points where the truth of the revelation is questioned. The version is not a paraphrase for it seeks to be faithful to the original languages. It is prepared to be equally effective for public worship with use in pulpit and pew, as well as for private study and devotional reading. The language used is up to date, yet is as dignified and inspiring to read as is the King James version. One of its greatest strengths lies in the fact that more than 100 scholars are involved in its preparation so that there is a balance of scholarly thinking relative to translation, something which is impossible in a one-man translation. We notice several Southern Baptist scholars among those who have shared in the preparation of this new version of the Bible. It is our prediction that it will be a popular version because it is so readable. The type face is well chosen and the book is beautifully bound.

COLOSSIANS: CHRIST ABOVE ALL by Harold S. Songer (Convention Press, 143 pp., \$1.00) The textbook for the Southern Baptist Convention January Bible Study. The book to be used this year is Colossians and this is a brief commentary covering the book verse by verse. The author is a professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. The material is written as a textbook and will serve as a valuable study guide for use in individual or class study of Paul's letter to the church at Colossae.

COLOSSIANS, A STUDY GUIDE by Curtis Vaughan (Zondervan, 121 pp., paper, \$1.50) A brief commentary on the book of Colossians written by a professor of New Testament at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. This will be splendid reference study material for use in teaching the January Bible Study of the book of Colossians but also will be a splendid one-volume commentary to have at hand for use in study of the book at any time. The entire book of Colossians is covered verse by verse and the exposition opens the richness of the letter.

COLOSSIANS, CHRIST ABOVE ALL by John A. Ishee (Convention Press, paper, 32 pp., \$1.35) A study guide for use of teachers who will be teaching the January Bible Study

on the book of Colossians. There are many suggestions concerning effective teaching with plenty of room for notes for the teacher as he prepares to guide a class in the study or to present the truths of the book in a pulpit series.

STUDYING ADULT LIFE AND WORK LESSONS, JANUARY - MARCH 1974 by Herschel H. Hobbs (Convention Press, 128 pp.) This is the first quarter 1974 section of Dr. Hobbs' book on studying the Adult Life and Work Lessons. This is the book which teachers should use in preparing for their teaching, since it includes definite suggestions for the teachers assistance. This is part of the full volume which covers the lessons for the whole year.

THE POWER OF GOD TO HEAL by George F. Garland (Guideform Press, 239 pp., \$7.95) The author says that God is a healer and presents a study of every healing experience in the Bible. First, there are 174 instances of healing reported in the New Testament and 209 in the Old Testament. The author simply has compiled the Scripture of each experience and does not comment of each Scripture which mentions healing or refers to it. He does not comment on the experiences. This will be a reference book, but does not offer interpretation or explanation.

SONGS OF THE LIVING FAITH—Bob Ashton — Ralph Carmichael Singers and Orchestra (Light, LS-5536-LP) All but two of the numbers presented by this well known musical group are arrangements or compositions of Bob Ashton.

THE BEAUTIFUL ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR — (Myrrh, Word, MST-6514-LP) Spirituals sung by an outstanding Chicago black choir.

MAKE ROOM FOR JESUS — Beautiful Zion Choir (Word, MS-115) 45 single.

THE FAMILY WHO PRAYS — The Boone Family and First Nashville Jesus Band (Lamb and Lion Records, LL-1006) The Pat Boone Family, with a Christian band from Nashville, present gospel numbers.

BORN AGAIN — Pat Boone and the First Nashville Jesus Band (Lamb and Lion Records, LL-1007) Pat Boone and the band present country style gospel music in a warm, heart touching manner.

PEACE AND LOVE by Janet Lynn with Dean Merrill (Creation House, \$4.95, 136 pp.) This new book is the personal story of the world's most exciting skater, now star of the Ice Follies. Janet, who began skating at the age of two, was the national champion five times, represented her country in the Winter Olympics twice, and at the world championships six times. Then the Ice Follies presented her with the biggest contract ever offered a female athlete. Here, told in her own words, is how it all happened. She recalls the fourteen years of skating aided by her teacher, Miss Kohout, and her unique family. Her Christian testimony is woven through all the pages of the book, revealing that she is on unusually open and friendly terms with the Lord.

AGONY IS . . . by Richard Milham (Broadman, paper 122 pp., \$1.50). The author has taken a humorous view in which he says that agony is — a large number of situations which can arise in church life. Each of the situations is illustrated by a clever cartoon. Illustrations of the agonizing situations are "finding out that the chairman of your finance committee feels that preachers are overpaid," "living in a parsonage that was redecorated right after Sherman's march to the sea." The author has a delightful sense of humor and this little volume will bring numerous laughs.

THE BLACKWOOD BROTHERS QUARTET (RCA Victor, LSP 4484.) This quartet needs no introduction to those who like gospel quartet music. Includes The King is Coming, Daddy Was An Old Time Preacher Man, etc.

THE SOUNDS OF NEW HOPE — Presented by John McKay (Zondervan, ZLP 8328) A Youth Singing Group under direction of John McKay of James Robison Evangelistic Association. Mostly new numbers, widely known to Christian youth.

THE SINGING CHURCHMEN with Ralph Carmichael (Light, LS-5000-LP) A choral group composed of Southern Baptist ministers of music, mainly from Oklahoma, sing ten great numbers, some new and some old.

FOLK HYMNAL in Sound for Sing-alongs (Singcord, ZLP 8348) The Dick Bolks' Chorus and Folk Ensemble sing selections from The Singing Folk Hymnal. Light, folk-type, unusual.



Let's Use A Stronger Stick



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

—Wilda Fancher

(Reprinted from the December 24, 1972 Clarion-Ledger-Jackson Daily News by request.)

People who get to do fantastically exciting things like writing a column (to you that may seem dull — to a hopeful writer it's as I described it) have to make occasional decisions which are difficult. One I had to make dealt with requests that I write columns on certain subjects or issues, or types of people or events. Because I realized that a column could easily become a sounding board for what others think instead of a vehicle for communicating my two-cents worth of thought, and seeing little chance of dealing fairly with the requests, my decision was that I would decline, respectfully, and regretfully, all requests for specific columns. I have honored that decision. Up until now, that is.

This week a beautiful letter came, saying, after telling me the circumstances of the death of their nineteen-year-old son last spring, "Could you write a column for all of the people who have lost loved ones this year? Our home is sad and our holiday will be lonely."

Death has not walked so close to me that brother, sister, parent, child, or husband joined him as he passed. He has seemed to hover over each of our boys, in turn, so I have fought back and struggled against the possibility of death. Only to that fullness of understanding me I am able to sympathize with people grieving through the death experience. In all my years as a pastor's wife, I never learned what to say or how to act in the presence of death-grief.

Now I hardly know what to write. If I knew words which could be caressing and tender to reach into your heart like fingertips and massage away the pain which must be a million times worse than muscle cramps, I would write them.

If I knew words which could keep your breath from backing up into your throat when you have to pick up a plate because you forgot and set the table for everyone, I would write them.

If I knew words which would keep the tears from dropping into your coat when you see someone at a distance who looks like him, I would write them.

If I knew words that could keep everybody from walking or whistling or running or talking like he did, I would write them.

If I knew words which would make it easier for you to swallow his favorite food, or hear his favorite song, or walk into his room, or give away his possessions, I would write them.

But if I knew all these words, and I wrote them, and they did what I said they would do, I would have robbed you, for I would have taken away your memories of him.

Next to live music, a record is the best thing; next to a live person, memories are the best thing. Without the music there could have been no record; without the person there would be no memories. Like music with joyful strains suddenly replaced by haunting melodies, and like music with haunting melodies suddenly replaced by joyful strains, your relationship goes on every day.

If James dies before I do, probably the most difficult time of day for me will be the time when I go to the post office and there is no letter from him. He has written to me almost daily when he is away. But I will, for a while, I'm sure, go home and read some of the letters from him that I have saved and remember gratefully the love that prompted these letters.

On this Christmas Day, every ache will be deeper and every pain will be sharper. It would seem totally proper to me that you weep a little while, but not all day. As you weep, it would seem totally proper also to let the joyful strain of faith in Christ well up in your heart and wipe your tears away with poignant happy memories. Bring out a

On The MORAL SCENE...

DISTRUST IN GOVERNMENT — "Distrust in government is as American as apple pie. Research by political scientists Arthur Miller of Ohio State and Thad Brown and Alden Raine of the University of Michigan foreshadowed the large 'so what else is new' reaction to Watergate. . . . Since 1958, the University of Michigan Survey Research Center has included in its national election surveys a set of five questions which measure belief in the Government's honesty, efficiency and concern. In the first survey, 28 percent of the people responded cynically to these questions. By 1964, the proportion had increased only slightly, to 30 percent. But the next eight years saw a dramatic rise in public distrust, culminating in the 1972 (pre-Watergate) figure of 48 percent. . . . Trust or distrust in Government is a rather vague concept when thought of in 'we and they' terms. One question the Gallup Poll has been asking for nearly 30 years personalizes the situation: 'If you had a son, would you like to see him go into politics as a life's work?' In 1973, 64-percent answered "no." — Psychology Today, November 1973

ENERGY? — "The Independent Coal Operator, published in Middlesboro, Ky., says in its October issue that the energy used to make possible the construction of a nuclear power plant plus the amount it wastes adds up to more than it will ever produce for use." — DISARMAMENT News and Views November 18, 1973

"Winter Workshops" Set

At Conference Centers

NASHVILLE — Two "Administrative Services Workshops," conducted by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church administration department, will be held at Glorieta (N.M.) and Ridgcrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Centers in February and March, 1974.

The twin workshops are designed for ministers of education, church business administrators, food services personnel, church secretaries and church housekeeping personnel. One workshop will be held at Glorieta, Feb. 11-14, while the Ridgcrest workshop will be held March 25 - 28. Registration fees are \$20 for one person, \$10 for the second person from the same church and \$5 each for the third and fourth persons.

Hotel and meal rates are \$13 a day at Glorieta and \$12 a day at Ridgcrest. Reduced rates are available for multiple occupancy.

Registration fees should be sent to the Church Program Training Center, Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn., 37234.

few of the not-so-happy memories, too, for it is unrealistic to remember someone as having been perfect. When your heart has settled and you feel a miracle has been worked there, breathe a prayer of thanks to God, for it is a miracle, indeed — this Christ of Christmas, Whose "peace on earth" includes your heart, even on this first Christmas with one missing. Box 9151, Jackson, Ms. 39206.

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Former Missionaries To Malaysia Have Joined Carey College Faculty



William Carey College added some fascinating dimensions to the campus this fall with the coming of Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Thurman, former missionaries to Malaysia. The Thurmans pose above with some of the elegant Oriental souvenirs which they have carefully arranged throughout their home on Penton Street. Dr. Thurman is a member of the Carey psychology faculty.

By Marjorie Rowden
Hattiesburg is richer this fall academically, culturally and spiritually. The occasion for this enrichment is the presence in town and on the William Carey College campus of Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Thurman. The Thurmans, who served as missionaries to Malaysia for eight years, moved to Hattiesburg in August and Dr. Thurman began his work with the college as associate professor of psychology in the Carey Department of Education and Psychology.

From Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to Hattiesburg, Mississippi was quite a switch, but for the Thurmans, who love people and who adjust easily to change, the move was just one more challenging adventure. Dr. Thurman, who holds the PhD in psychology from Baylor University, has already become a popular and highly respected member of the Carey faculty. In addition to his doctorate in psychology, Dr. Thurman holds degrees in other areas. His bachelor of business administration was earned at Baylor, but he went on to complete a bachelor of divinity at Southern Seminary and a master of education degree at the University of Louisville.

city of Malaysia in addition to administering psychological tests in the major areas of personality within a clinical program.

"The people in Malaysia are warm, friendly and often, commented the Thurmans. "The predominant religion is Moslem, although there is a large group of Chinese who have Buddhist leanings. The country is lush and green and the people have an easy living. Pineapples, coconuts and other delicacies grow in profusion. For meat the Malay people eat a lot of goat and chicken. Of course, fish is abundant also."

"You know that one third of the world's tin and rubber comes from Malaysia," added Dr. Thurman. "The Chinese in Malaysia are very hard workers and own most of the companies involved with trade. The Sultans, who once dominated the life of the people in every area, now control only their religious and cultural life. Since 1963 the land has been independent of British rule and the name was changed from Malaya to Malaysia. At that time also the official language changed from English to Malay."

Mrs. Thurman (Eddie Lee), a graduate nurse from the Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, thoroughly enjoyed her years of missionary service in Malaysia. She particularly involved herself with the music program and says, "I am just musically inclined — not musically trained!" Obviously her inclination was sufficient for she organized and led the choir program at the Golden Sands Baptist Church in Kuala Lumpur where her husband served as pastor. She also had the privilege of setting up a complete church library — "also with merely inclination and no training," she laughs.

The Thurmans have three children, all grown and away from home. Cheryl Lynn is married to another missionary kid, Dan Sharpley, Jr. who grew up in Brazil. The Sharples are moving to Brazil to live. Charles Douglas is a senior at Baylor University and Marsha Lee is a sophomore at the University of Texas in Austin.

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE READY FOR 1974 YOUTH CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON — Registration forms for the 8th Baptist Youth World Conference have been distributed to national youth offices around the world. Theo Patnaik, youth secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, urged that youth register as early as possible. An attendance of 10,000 young people from 70 countries is expected for the meetings in Portland, Oregon, USA, July 31-August 4, 1974.

Patnaik said that individuals should contact their regional youth leaders for the registration forms and other information. Requests also may be directed to Patnaik at the Baptist World Alliance offices in Washington.

The USA As Seen From An UFO

(A Fantasy On UFOs)
By W. Levon Moore

My co-pilot and I had flown our space ship for several weeks, and had completed the major projects on our scientific mission. The only remaining assignment of importance was to investigate a rather insignificant but somewhat peculiar looking star which was visible from our planet.

Our craft functioned perfectly as we approached the star which we later learned was called "Earth." Before reaching the area known as "atmosphere" we passed a rather crude apparatus which, as we were to discover later, was called "Sky-lab." A couple of close passes around this queer-shaped vehicle indicated to us that the earthlings had attempted some rather simple experiments within this craft.

Our circular vehicle, propelled by solar energy, silently glided toward the earth's surface. Seeing a mass of lights from what the earthly creatures call "cities," we decided to turn our lights on. We did not realize that our oval-shaped craft circle with flashing multi-colored lights, would frighten the earthlings. However, we learned later that this well-lighted craft, which could move vertically or horizontally at tremendous speeds, or hover in one spot indefinitely, caused considerable excitement.

It was not our purpose to frighten anyone or to interfere with any earth-bound pursuits. We simply wished to examine this new planet to see if it supported life; and, if so, to study the characteristics of life existing on earth.

After discovering the existence of many strange looking creatures, called "human beings," we kept our dis-

tance in case the earthlings might prove to be unfriendly and try to harm us.

We made many passes over certain areas of the earth, and our sophisticated scientific equipment aboard the space ship allowed us to examine rather closely many life patterns of these earthlings.

After making a thorough study of the strange creatures and customs we found on earth. We recorded our impressions of what we saw on the newly discovered planet. Since life on OUR planet is spiritually oriented, we were particularly interested in the moral and spiritual behaviour of earth's inhabitants.

These creatures called "people" seemed to be very frightened and insecure. They were constantly on the move seeking excitement and unusual activities to help them forget their troubles. They seemed to be worried greatly about feeding and clothing their bodies, and providing what they called "houses" for their families.

Earth is a very beautiful planet, but we observed great waste of their resources and abuse of their environment. Some seemed to be in great poverty, while a few had more "things" than were really needed.

We discovered that these human beings were a very violent people. They seemed to hate each other — especially those whose color or nationality was different.

Some of them spent most of their time devising ways to cheat and defraud their fellow creatures. We were horrified to see that many of these creatures would rob, rape, and murder their fellow beings.

One of the things which seemed to cause so much unrest on earth was a great distrust of their leaders. In what they called their "government"

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Bellevue Observes 21st Anniversary

Bellevue Church, Lamar County, observed its 21st anniversary with homecoming Sunday on December 9. Rev. Jim Nunnelee, former pastor, brought the afternoon message.

Rev. James L. Yates, pastor, preached at the morning service. Dinner was served at the church.

there were some in positions of trust who were accused of betraying their subjects by fraud, graft, and corruption. This condition seemed to cause great unrest and despair among the people. They were especially concerned about something which had happened to one of their "gates."

These earthlings spent much of their time at various activities which they called "work." Also, a great deal of time was spent in what was described as "recreation." Many of their little people (called "children") went to buildings called "schools" in order to learn how to become as miserable as most of their parents seemed to be.

What these earthlings called "churches" were located all over the land; but these units did not seem to play a significant role for most inhabitants. About one day each week a few earth creatures went to these "churches" to engage in what they called "worship." Most of them did not believe this to be important, for at the time some were "worshipping" the majority of the creatures stayed at home, some worked at unnecessary tasks, some ran up and down ribbons of hardsurfaced areas known as "highways" in queer-looking vehicles, some went to streams and bodies of water known as "lakes" and floated around in little crafts known as "boats." A few tied strings to the ends of long slender poles and would sit for hours soaking the ends of these strings in the water. We never learned the purpose of this strange activity.

A large number of these creatures amused themselves by going to large cleared areas and walking back and forth knocking small white round objects called "balls" with what they called "clubs."

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Lottie Moon Offering: Worldwide From Start To Finish

by Dale Helmbold
Even folks on the receiving end like to give — especially at Christmas. Many nationals on the Southern Baptist foreign mission fields get into the Christmas giving spirit and add their part to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

December 2-9, Southern Baptists prayed for and contributed to the support of foreign missions. At the same time a small but cherished fraction of the \$20 million offering goal began coming in from the mission fields.

Lottie Moon's influence is still felt in Japan, where she died at Kobe, Christmas Eve, 1912, en route from China to the USA. There, the emphasis is called the Week of Prayer for World Missions and the World Missions Offering. The Japan Baptist Convention offering is distributed three ways: for pioneer mission work in Japan, for support of Japan Baptist Convention missionaries in Brazil, and for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Miss Virginia Highfill, religious education director at Akatsuka Church in Tokyo, has said, "In a large number of the churches, reference is made to the life and work of Lottie Moon. In some churches a short biographical sketch is inserted in the Sunday A.M. bulletin. The influence of Miss Moon surely did not end at Kobe!"

Until recently, Trinity Baptist Church in Saigon had many American servicemen as members. There, in plain view of mission needs, the English-speaking congregation of 150 members has contributed \$3,500 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for the past two years.

In Italy, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering changes names and becomes the Christmas Love Offering — Christmas for Christ. The people gather it sometime during the month of December, often on Christmas Day, when Italians always have a worship service. Prayer and study theme is the same as the week of prayer theme followed in the US, but the Italian offering now goes for Italian-supported missions.

Hong Kong also uses foreign missions emphasis materials from the US then they use their offering for foreign missions projects which strengthen SBC-supported work.

In Spanish America, each national WMU decides when it will observe a week of prayer and how the offering collected will be used. Some send the offering to the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, while others choose a project outside their own country. In Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, the First Baptist Church has a strong US-type emphasis on the week of prayer. The women's, men's, and youth organizations share responsibility for pro-

grams each night during the week. Like Southern Baptists, they dress in costumes and use other aids to dramatize the week of prayer.

In Argentina, the people celebrate a week of prayer at the same time we observe ours, using the translated materials. Ninety percent of the offering raised goes to their own Home Mission Board, ten percent is mingled with the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering here.

Brazilians observe a week of prayer for foreign missions in March. Prayer covers not only the countries where Brazilian Baptists have work, but also all countries where there is Baptist work. The offering for foreign missions given at this time is used to support the Brazilians who have gone out as missionaries to Bolivia, Paraguay, Mozambique, and Portugal.

Ghana, in West Africa, is struggling to start churches, yet the women's leaders have vision beyond their own

borders. A week of prayer for foreign missions is a popular December event. A small offering is sent to aid Baptists in another country.

An exciting achievement in foreign missions is the desire of nationals to share Christ in other countries. Following practices of Southern Baptists, they like to pool their resources at the holiday season to increase the missions impact. Whether their gifts go through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering or shortcut to their own fledgling mission fields, they are helping Southern Baptists reach their long-range mission goals.

ATTEND the church where you live; BE the church where you work; TAKE the church where you go.

The student of Truth keeps an open Bible, an open dictionary, and an open mind.



"Pleased To Meet You, Ah... Col. Irwin"

The admiration for his hero is clearly seen in this boy's face as he shakes hands with James B. Irwin, veteran astronaut of the Apollo 15 moon flight. Irwin, president of the non-profit High Flight Foundation which he founded to share his faith in God and serve humanity, recently appeared at the Baptist Book Store in Nashville to promote his new book, "To Rule the Night." The book sold a record 650 copies during his visit — a first for Irwin and for the book store.

Missionary Bears Witness Of God's Blessing And Leadership

By Cliff Davidson

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5,6). Rev. William Arthur Compere, on furlough from Nigeria, has been claiming this promise since he yielded to God's call for the mission field in 1957, at a little Baptist church revival in Bakersfield, California. "This is my favorite verse," he said; "God has always supplied my needs. I have been blessed by the Lord."

After his second three-year stay in Nigeria, a total of eight years of service with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Mr. Compere has returned home. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Compere of Florence, Mississippi, and is from a family of God's servants. His parents were very active in the Briarhill Baptist Church near Florence. They always had prayer and devotions in the home. Compere's mother, trusting in the Lord, said, "I have always prayed that one of my children would be a missionary." He has an uncle who was a missionary to Argentina; two brothers now are full-time preachers and two of his sisters married preachers.

The Southern Baptist Board has more than 2150 foreign missionaries in 76 countries.

Compere, who taught mathematics and science at a teacher training school and pastored a school church in Nigeria, did not receive his appointment until 1965 — seven years after he surrendered for the mission

field. He had to fulfill Mission Board requirements: (1) A master's degree in the subject that he was going to teach; (2) complete one year in the seminary; (3) teach two years consecutively in the same place; (4) pass a physical and psychiatric examination; (5) write his life history; and (6) fill out 25 reference forms.

In preparation for the mission field, he trusted the Lord completely. "There were times when it would have been much easier to quit," he said. For example, on several occasions he applied for a job and when it was revealed that he was studying for the mission field, someone else was selected.

Missionaries going to Nigeria have to buy clothing for four years at a time because ready-made clothes cannot be purchased there. This makes one more dependent on the Lord, especially when you open your shipping cartons and the contents are not there. Compere said, "How they got out and who took them we don't know."

The Nigerians have a background of witchcraft and superstition. They believe in witches and wizards (male witches). A witch doctor can be brought in to put a spell on someone.

Compere said: "The Nigerians are sensitive about being critical. They are by nature careful not to be critical of another person. There is a good relationship between different denominations. This does not mean a compromise in principle. They try not to say anything that would be against another person's beliefs."

"Nigerians have an oriental respect for age," he stated, "Parents have great authority and particularly the grandparents. When the child is told to do something, he usually obeys. The

Nigerians are puzzled over the rebellious youth of America because to them there is a simple solution; if the parents tell the 18 year old, 'Don't throw rocks at policemen' that should settle it."

Although Nigeria has a drug called India hemp, they have no drug problem. Alcoholism is not a problem, and the crime rate is small. Compere said, "I was not as afraid in Nigeria as I am here in the States. Never was I afraid of being robbed in Nigeria. Abortion to a Nigerian is senseless, since they want more children. Half the babies in Nigeria die before they are five years old. They would be glad to do something to have more children, not less."

When Compere's faith was tested on the mission field, he applied Proverbs 3:5,6. For example, when his four-year-old son became a diabetic, he took him to a hospital 100 miles away. This was at the time of a military coup, and the authorities had closed the Niger River Bridge on the way to the hospital. However, when Compere and his son arrived at the bridge, small vehicle traffic was allowed to cross. The same son fell from an 11-foot veranda of their home and landed on a flat rock instead of jagged rocks. His son has a scar on his head as a reminder that God takes care of His own. Also, once Compere and his family almost stepped on a cobra.

Compere saw what some may agree to be a miracle — a genuine conversion experience and determination of individual Muslims. For a Muslim to become a Christian means that his family is cold toward him, or he is shunned, and in some cases he is no longer considered a member of the

family. Compere recalls one particular case of a Muslim boy who was saved. Many calamities came upon him, and this looked to the Muslims that God was punishing him for renouncing Islam. However, he still believed that Christianity was the right way and adhered to his faith. These calamities were illnesses. They finally left and now he is physically strong. Compere said: "These calamities came at a time when he was a new-born Christian. This was the time when he would be most likely to renounce his faith in Christianity."

As he talked about the attrition of missionaries in Nigeria due to death, illness etc., and how the doors there are closed to new missionaries, Compere's strong determination and trust in the Lord was very evident. Also, missionaries on furlough cannot go back if they wait more than 12 months because their return visa is for 12 months only. He said: "We Baptists have done a good job; the Baptists there are very strong. A lot of the Nigerians are getting degrees in America at Baptist colleges. They are capable of taking over. So, I personally am not at all upset over the reduction in foreign missionaries in Nigeria. I think the Nigerian Baptists are quite capable of continuing the work. God has blessed all the way through."

"A survey has disclosed that the average American favors only one kind of handout, the government's hand out of his pocket." — Albert F. Combs, The Valley (Calif.) Times.

Not many people get weak eyes from search for the truth.



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Revival Comes Again To The Old Red River Meeting House

(Note: Rev. H. S. Rogers, former pastor of First Church, Nesbit, and Rev. W. R. Storie, former pastor of Immanuel Church, Jackson, have just experienced an unusual revival service in Kentucky. Mr. Rogers accepted the pastorate of Middleton Church, Middleton Road, Franklin, Kentucky on Oct. 7, 1973 and held his first service there on that date. Rev. W. R. Storie, now retired from the active pastorate serves as prayer evangelist for the E. J. Daniels "Christ for the World" Crusade team from Orlando, Florida.)

By H. S. Rogers
Brother Storie came to Middleton to assist with a revival beginning Oct. 14 and continuing through Oct. 21. During his first few days here he heard of the Old Red River Meeting House, located nearby, where the pioneers of the 1700's and 1800's experienced the first unplanned, but spontaneous, camp meeting revival in the world! According to an account by Rev. James McGready in The New York Missionary Magazine and Repository, "The little church was merely a flickering candle of light in the wilderness until its flame burst forth. The first extraordinary manifestation of Divine

Power was at Red River, the third Sabbath of June viz 1800." This great revival spread afar in all directions in our nation. Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists worked together to bring it about. It has been termed the "Western Reformation." Rev. Barton W. Stone from Bourbon County, Ky., upon hearing of it came to the little log church to investigate. His

words were "It is of the Lord!" A large revival was then begun at Cane Ridge and from this was formed "The Disciples of Christ" denomination. The Red River Church Book of 1833 states: "Red River Church was the seat of the memorable revival of 1800, out of which the Cumberland Presbyterians arose." Other present denominations are today the direct out-

growth of this great revival where thousands of wicked and lost souls were led to Christ.

Without a doubt this spot is the greatest in Western Kentucky, and one of the greatest in our nation's history of religion. Here the battle for Christianity was fought and won in the new nation of America. At the time that portion of the nation was included within the boundaries of Virginia. The site is on the prong of Red River first known as Mauldings Fork, now called Spring Creek. Very nearby stood Maulding's Fort, which was built in 1780 to protect the settlers against the Indians.

In the large cemetery lie many pioneers, among whom are soldiers of the American Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, and the Civil War. General Robert Ewing and Capt. Robert Paisley are buried there, among the widows of two men who fought in the French and Indian Wars. One old gravestone contains the 23rd Psalm written in Gaelic.

The building is constructed of hand-hewn logs and chinked with mud-colored mortar. The roof is handmade red oak boards like those of the pioneer period of nearly 200 years ago. The large chimney and hearth are stone, from the home of President An-



The cemetery at Red River Meeting House dates to pre-1800's with many graves now hidden in honeysuckle vines. One has the 23rd Psalm chiseled on it in Gaelic. Another has the well-known words: "Stop mortal as you are passing by, As you are now so once was I. As I am now so must you be, Remember that you too must die!" It is the steeple-shaped tombstone of Evan McPherson, born in the Highlands of Scotland in 1787.

drew Jackson. The doors and window shutters are of battened wood, with large iron hinges. The present building is an exact replica of the original including the benches, pulpit etc.

It was to this site that Rev. W. R. Storie and I took the Middleton congregation on Saturday night. There, on a chilly evening, with a fire burning in the fireplace, kerosene lamps inside, and lanterns hanging outside, a real old-fashioned service took place. As Mr. Storie so aptly put it, "Never has the presence of the Lord Himself been so real! Surely He is in this place tonight!"

Every person came forward to rededicate himself to prayer and to pleading with God to "Do it again!" The Lord has never before allowed me to experience a service like this! God spoke, through W. R. Storie, one of his choice preachers, at the old Meeting House on Red River. He did it again!

Theme Of Belief Or Unbelief Runs Through John

John 3:16-21; 5:40-47; 12:37-50
By Clifton J. Allen

The theme of belief or unbelief runs throughout the Gospel of John. Jesus was himself a challenge to faith. He appeared on earth as one who came from God, as one bringing salvation, as the Bread of life and the Light of the world. He came not to condemn the world but to save the world. But men loved darkness rather than light, so that they brought the judgment of God on themselves. The works of Jesus were the works of God and declared him to be the Son of God. But the people would not believe in him or believe his words. At the

end of his public teaching in Jerusalem, Jesus declared the awful outcome of unbelief: the people could not believe because they were not willing to believe.

The Lesson Explained
The Fearful Outcome Of Unbelief
Verses 37-40

Jesus rightly deserved the verdict of acceptance, of trust, and of allegiance. But now at the end of his public teaching, "they believed not on him." The writer of the Gospel thought of the word of Isaiah (53:1-2). The word of the prophet was applicable to the experience of Jesus. The revelation of God had been revealed in the works of Christ over and over. Still the people did not believe. This seemed to be a direct fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah (6:9-10), words applicable to those to whom Isaiah

preached and words applicable to the generation of Jesus. We may easily misunderstand this quotation from Isaiah. It cannot mean that God does not want people to hear, to understand, to repent, to believe, and to be healed. The meaning is rather in the inevitable outcome of unbelief. Those who shut their eyes willfully become blind. Those who persistently refuse to believe bring upon themselves a hardness of heart and perversity of mind which robs them of capacity to believe. The fearful outcome of unbelief is unbelief: God in righteous sovereignty makes operative in human experience the consequences of the choices people make. Because they are unwilling to see, they become blind. Because they will not turn in repentance, they cannot be healed.

The Shame Of Cowardly Faith
Verses 41-43

Here is a significant word from Isaiah. It pointed ultimately to Jesus and the glory of God's revelation in him. Some of the people, even among

recognized leaders and persons prominent in the power structure of Judaism, did believe in Jesus. The fact that their fear of the Pharisees led them to keep their faith secret raises a question about the reality of their faith. Likely for some it was genuine but weak and yet acceptable because of the exceeding grace of God. Certainly for others it was profession without reality. To say the least, those who did believe were involved in cowardly silence and secrecy. The fact that they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God leaves the strongest kind of doubt as to whether they really experienced the forgiving love and saving grace of God in Christ. Saving faith may be weak and unworthy, but it must not stop short of yielding one's life in submission to Christ as Lord and Savior.

God. He came into the world to give light: he was himself the light of the glory of God. Belief in him brings one into the light and makes one full of the light. Jesus did not come to judge but to save. His word becomes the means of judgment. In other words, men are judged by their response to the word he spoke, their response to the truth made manifest in him and preached and taught by him. In the final judgment the unbelieving and ungodly will be judged by the words which they refused to believe and obey. Jesus' words, when he was on the earth and equally so now, are a challenge to faith. They are the authentic word of the eternal God; they are the word of eternal life; they are the word of infinite wisdom and saving grace. Let us take heed how we hear.

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Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

The Fruit Of The Spirit

By Bill Duncan
John 14:26; 15:1-8; Gal. 5:16-26

It was a cold, wintry day when Henry Ward Beecher, the great, warm-hearted Brooklyn preacher, was walking down an almost deserted street when he found a little girl crying bitterly. He picked the child up in his strong arms and held her there until she ceased her sobbing, and then asked, "What's the matter, little one?" "Nuffin is the matter since you comed!" replied the child.

The child was more than some people can take. The prospect for the future of the disciples looked bleak. People are still feeling just like the disciples, facing meaningless lives. But Jesus promised a Helper or Comforter, whom the disciples needed and so do we.

The Holy Spirit according to John 14:26 will do three things. (1) The Holy Spirit will teach you all things. The Christian who feels that he has nothing more to learn is the Christian who has not even begun to understand what the doctrine of the Holy Spirit means. (2) The Holy Spirit reminds us of what Jesus has said. It is our obligation to use our minds to think, but all our conclusions must be tested against the things which Jesus said. We need to discover the meaning of the truth. (3) The Holy Spirit will keep us right in matters of

conduct. When we are tempted to do something wrong, by the temptation of Satan, the Holy Spirit reminds us of a saying of Jesus or of some other scripture. The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin so that we will want forgiveness when we sin.

Jesus speaks of being "the vine" and of believers as "the branches" and says, "abide in me, and I in you." He adds that no branch can bear fruit by itself, it must be a part of the vine. The believers are members of Christ as the branches are members of the vine, and when this is true, the branch brings forth fruit, even as believers when they abide in Him. Jesus said, "for without me ye can do nothing." This means that a Christian can do nothing to bear fruit in the will of God, apart from a right relationship to Jesus Christ.

We have all seen dead branches on trees and flowers. A good gardener will prune these dead twigs or branches off in order that the plant may produce the very best fruit.

When life shows no joy, no self-denial, no love for the Lord or others, no service in short no fruit, God wants this unfruitfulness cut off.

The fruit of the Spirit is the direct result of the indwelling Spirit and will never be produced without His presence. The fruit of the Spirit is truly dependent upon our manner of receiving that Spirit and on our faithfulness and diligence in the use of His gifts.

"The fruit of the Spirit is... Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Self-control: against such there is no law." Did you ever notice that it is "fruit" and not "fruits." It is singular. Some have said that the fruit of the Spirit is love and all the other qualities are by-products of love. One said, "It is a single fruit so completely delicious that it contains all that the taste buds of our poor souls have ever craved." It rings with eternal completeness.

Jack Taylor in his book *Much More* says that the deficiencies of man seem to grow out of three areas: His

Love. This is the supreme quality which forms the foundation to the whole structure of life. This love is the love of 1 Cor. 13 which is based on nothing and thus includes all.

Peace. It is the repose of a spirit right with God. It is the serenity of a secured soul, deaf and blind to circumstances.

Longsuffering (or patience). This is God's attitude towards man. In our lives, in our attitude and dealings with our fellowmen we must reproduce this loving, forbearing, forgiving, patient attitude of God towards ourselves.

Gentleness (or kindness). A gentle person is one who is submissive to the will of God. A gentle person is one not too proud to learn. A gentle person is one who is considerate. The Holy Spirit produces all three qualities in a life.

Goodness. A good person who does what is right toward people in a right spirit in an active life.

Faith. It involves a complete abandonment to God and an absolute dependence upon Him. It is a perfect antidote to fear, which causes worry, anxiety and pessimism. A person who has Spirit-inspired faith will be faithful and dependable. "When the Spirit is in control, life goes forward under the full conviction of God's ability and power."

Meekness. The natural man is proud, haughty, arrogant, egotistical and self-centered, but when the Spirit fills the life of an individual he will be humble, mild, submissive and easily entreated.

Self-control. It is the picture of a long distance runner who will forego any pleasure to keep himself in condition. The Spirit-filled man will be one that is consistent, dependable and well ordered.

Would you like to have all these qualities in your life? You have them all or none. If the Spirit is not in control He produces none of the fruit of the Spirit. If He is in control He produces all the fruit of the Spirit.

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There seemed to be many "gods" worshipped on earth. Our observation led us to believe that the god with the greatest number of devotees was named "money". This was by far the most sought-after god on planet earth. We learned that most earth-creatures would do anything to come into contact with that "god."

Our observation revealed that in addition to worship in their churches on Sunday, there is another activity which we assumed to be a form of "religion" which claims a large following. We saw oval-shaped "temples" located in every town and city throughout the nation. In this strange ceremony, the people sit around an open arena, facing a rectangular-shaped, green-colored space with white lines running across the area. Though it is rather large, this must be their altar.

About two dozen people, evidently "priests" in this strange religious ceremony, run back and forth across this green area. They engage in every violent activity, appearing at times to be determined to kill each other. As they push each other back and forth across the green area, the worshippers on each side of the arena jump up and down, shriek to the top of their voices, and occasionally give out great moans and groans. We never learned its significance, but central in their performance was a tiny, oblong, brown-colored object which they alternately threw into the air, hugged to their chests, or kicked with all their might. It seemed that at times they wanted it, and at other times they were anxious to get rid of it. We do not know whether this is the most prominent "religion" on earth, but at least it attracts more followers and creates more excitement than the others.

It was a great experience to discover that a few earthlings had discovered the true god, called in their

language "Jehovah God." Perhaps when they mature and develop more fully, they will recognize that He is the God of all the universe, and is worshipped by the inhabitants of myriads of stars in the numerous galaxies of outer space.

From the vantage point of our UFO traversing rapidly and silently over the earth, it is easy to see that human beings on earth need a greater sense of security, a more genuine love for their fellow creatures, a more definite sense of purpose for their lives, and a deeper sense of reverence for their Creator.

As we sped away from earth back to our own planet, our primary conclusion about Earth's inhabitants was that if they really knew the God of the universe, as we know Him, they would have no fear of any of God's creatures from other areas of outer space.


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Devotional

One Giant Leap For Mankind

Luke 2:12-19

By Charles Dampeer, Pastor, Inka Church

Neil Armstrong, the first American to set foot on the moon, said on that historical occasion, "That is one small step for man; one giant leap for mankind."



Five months later in that eventful year of 1968, I watched a Christmas parade which gave great emphasis to man's conquest of space. Near the end of the parade, there was a float that conveyed an undeniable impression. It was a simple manger scene and the caption read, "One Giant Leap For Mankind." There can be no doubt that the birth of Jesus was a giant leap for mankind.

The birth of Christ was a giant leap for mankind because Christ brought God out where he could be seen. In the Old Testament, man thought of God as remote and obscure. Thus, His name was unspeakable because it was too holy to be spoken by lips of clay. His presence could only be felt by the Priest who in turn would convey to the people what God was like. Even the Shepherds were fearful when the angel of the Lord spoke to them about the birth of the Messiah. Luke 2:9 tells us they were "very afraid." In that instant their fears were intensified, but when they saw the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger, they lost their fears and began glorifying and praising God (Luke 2:19). Their fears were removed because of the presence of a person—namely, the Christ child. What a giant leap for man when he overcame his fears!

The birth of Jesus was also a giant leap for mankind because it revealed God's love. Deep down, men had always longed to know the shape of the Almighty and to see the shape of Mystery Himself. Yet how could they? The answer was that the Omnipotence would take the form of helplessness. The hands that made the world would become hands too small to reach beyond a crib. He graciously put Himself in a form that we humans could comprehend (Colossians 2:9). He became as we are that we might understand Him as He is. In other words, Divinity became humanity. "What is God Like?" men have always asked. Because of Bethlehem we can answer, "God is like Jesus." For incredible as it may sound, this man was God—God in a form we could understand.



Arlington Heights Building Sanctuary

Groundbreaking was held by members of Arlington Heights Church, Pascagoula, on November 11. Construction is now in process for a new sanctuary with an expected completion date from six to eight weeks away. The present sanctuary being used by the church will be renovated and used for educational space. Pastor Bob Horner, above, wields the shovel.

Hong Kong Missionary Speaks At Pontotoc

First Church, Pontotoc, concluded its December emphasis on foreign missions with a missions banquet on December 10. Inspirational speaker was Dr. R. H. Falwell, missionary to Hong Kong. The goal set for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering was \$3,500.

The banquet was jointly sponsored by the W.M.U., Mrs. O. T. Ray, director, and the Brotherhood, Guy Hugh Day, director. Dr. W. Levon Moore is pastor.

Lyman Calls Pastor

Rev. A. H. Weger has been called as pastor of First Church, Lyman.

A native of Scott County, he succeeds Rev. Troy A. Sumrall of Pass Christian who has been serving as interim pastor.



Mr. Weger was ordained by Liberty Church, Forest. His former pastorates, all in Mississippi, include Union Church, Brookhaven; Calvary, Durant; and Pleasant Home, Laurel.

He attended Mississippi College and graduated from William Carey College. He attended New Orleans Seminary in 1972.

Married to the former Dolly Smith of Scott County, he and his wife have five children, Allen, 15; Tammy, 13; Stacy, 11; Hans, 9; and Christy, 2.

Christmas Music At Clarke College

On December 11, Clarke College presented the popular Christmas opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors."

The same production of the opera will be presented in Forest on Sunday evening, December 16 at the Forest High School auditorium at 8 p.m.

On Thursday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall at Clarke College, the concert choir, under the direction of James B. McElroy, will present their annual concert entitled, "The Many Moods of Christmas."

The second part of the concert will include popular Christmas songs such as "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" (with Santa himself present), and the traditional Christmas carols. There is no admission charge for this concert.

Just For The Record



Carmel Deacons Honored For Long Years Of Service

November 10, at a special meeting of deacons and wives and deacons' widows, Carmel Church, (Lawrence) honored two outstanding deacons. Shelby Russell and Guy Mitchell were ordained on the same day in 1940, and have been faithfully serving God and their church since that time. In a special ceremony during the deacons' meeting, C. R. Lowery, chairman of deacons, presented these men with a plaque with the following inscription: "Ordained into God's service as deacon of Carmel Church 3-10-40. 'I thank my God upon every remembrance of you' (Phil. 1:3)."

The following Wednesday, November 14, the church voted to name two Sunday School classes after these two men, so the Senior Men's class is now the SHELBY RUSSELL class and the Young Married class is the GUY MITCHELL class.

The pastor of Carmel, Rev. Jeffery F. Slaughter, states that "these two men are outstanding examples of the Spirit of Christ that motivates men for service to the church. Both have been an inspiration to me and to the members of the church."

Carriage Hills Youth Choir Rates Two Superiors

Carriage Hills Youth Choir, Southaven, received two superiors during the District Choral Festival at Tupelo on Nov. 10. Both the youth choir and their ensemble, HIS Singers will travel to Jackson on December 27 to participate in the State Youth Choral Festival. This will be the youth choir's and HIS Singers' second time to enter the State Choral Festival. The director is Roddy Simmons; accompanists are Dr. Jack Wilson and Mrs. Bob Gray. The pastor is Rev. J. B. Miller.

Calvary, Newton Presents Cantata

On December 9, the adult choir of Calvary Church, Newton presented its third annual program of Christmas music. This year's presentation was "The Night The Angels Sang," a cantata by John W. Peterson.

The choir was under the direction of Mrs. Alice Faye Davies, Melita Ann Shoemaker and Donna Wainwright were accompanists. They are students of Mrs. Davies at Clarke College. Soloists were: Mrs. Clifford Estes, Mrs. Joe Boyd, and Mrs. Edwin McNeely. The narration was done by Rev. Cliff Estes, pastor of the church.



Called To N. Providence

New Providence Church, Copiah County, has called as pastor Rev. David E. Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude E. Lawrence of Centerville, Ala.

A sophomore at Mississippi College, Mr. Lawrence was ordained by Antioch Church, Centerville, Ala., on Nov. 11, 1973.

He is pictured with his wife, the former Elaine Watkins of Birmingham, Ala.

First, Southaven Choirs To Present Three Cantatas

On December 16 at 7 p.m. the adult choir of First, Southaven, will present Peterson's cantata, "The Story of Christmas." Soloists will be Mrs. T. H. Walker, Mrs. Joe Knight, Mrs. Anthony Banus, and Joe Knight.

On December 19 at 7:15 p.m. the church will present combination children - youth cantatas. The Children's Choir, ages 4-11, will sing "Something Wonderful," followed by the youth cantata, "From the Star to the Cross."

Rev. Don Cooper, pastor, states that the public is invited.



Biloxi Honors Oldest

The Seekers Sunday School Class of First Church, Biloxi recently sponsored a Senior Adult Banquet for the elderly members of the church. The Fellowship Hall was decorated with the Thanksgiving theme. Mrs. Alice Latil (left) was presented a corsage for being the person with the longest tenure of membership at First Church, Biloxi, — 72 years. Mrs. Celia Odom (right) was presented a corsage for being the oldest living member of the church — almost 95 years of age. A program of entertainment and challenge was presented to the large number in attendance. Special thanks was conveyed to these elderly members who have meant so much to First Baptist Church of Biloxi and to the Lord across these many years. Rev. Frank W. Gunn is the pastor.

Students To Sing Carols At Hospital

Members of the Baptist Student Union at Mississippi Baptist Hospital entertained the children of Baptist Children's Village December 4 at the village, with Santa Claus as a special guest.

The students will sing Christmas carols throughout the hospital on December 13, followed by a fellowship hour in the amphitheatre of the hospital's Progressive Care Unit.

These are two of several special events listed for the hospital's Baptist Student Union by Miss Kathy Bearden, director of the B. S. U. and other student activities at the hospital.

Over 3,000 public and private school students of the Vicksburg area heard Miss Bearden describe the hospital's various allied - health teaching programs November 12 at Vicksburg.

Many of the hospital students participated in a special "Youth Night" activity at First Church, Jackson November 15 as part of the annual State Baptist Convention.

The practical nursing students graduation is set for December 14 at 4 p.m. in the hospital amphitheatre, when Dr. Robert Mayo, president of Hinds Junior College, will be the guest speaker.



Clarke Receives Silver Service

The hospitality focal point during the November 20 meeting of the Clarke College Board of Trustees and Development Council was a beautiful silver service which has been presented to the college by Mrs. A. J. McIlwain of Jackson. The widow of the late Dr. A. J. McIlwain, a radiologist who practiced his specialty in Jackson for many years, Mrs. McIlwain is a member of the Development Council for the college, and has established an endowed scholarship in memory of her husband. Pictured above with Mrs. McIlwain at the serving table is Clarke President W. L. Compere.



Escatawpa Youth Cut Ribbon

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held recently at Escatawpa Church in Jackson County, to announce the opening of the new Recreation Building. A program has been set up for all age groups. Shown are some of the sponsors and members of the Teen recreation group which meets each Saturday night. Indoor and outdoor recreation is available and members may bring guests. Pastor of the church is Rev. Ralph H. Young.

Names In The News



CHRISTMAS SPECIAL PLANNED — Rev. Kenneth Forbus (left) and Mrs. Forbus visited the Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth recently to confer with television producer Bob Thornton (right) about "Christmas In The Delta." The television special, being produced by First Church, Greenville, will be aired Dec. 17 on WABG, Channel 6, which covers the Greenville - Greenwood area. Forbus is minister of music at First, Greenville — Radio - TV Commission Photo by Bonita Sparrow

Rev. Billy E. Roby was honored on November 25 by First Church, Horn Lake, on the occasion of his second anniversary as pastor there. When he came on the field in November, 1971, the membership was 678 and the budget called for \$64,392. At present, the membership is 1,143 and the budget is \$102,711. Sunday School has grown from 446 to 920. In two years, there have been 227 additions by baptism and 377 by letter. Since the auditorium can no longer hold the morning crowd, Pastor Roby preaches in two Sunday morning services. With plans for future expansion, nine acres have been bought one and one-half miles west of the present site. A bus ministry has been started.



Springfield Church, Scott County, has called as their new pastor, Rev. Ron Mercer. He moved on the field November 28. Mr. Mercer was formerly pastor of Mt. Vernon Church, Newton County. He is married to the former Ann Cook, and they are the parents of three sons: Jeff, 7; Scott, 4; Phil, 3. The family is shown above.

One Family Has 34

The Percy Simmons family of five members have a combined total of 34 years perfect attendance in Sunday School. These are: (L to R) Randy, 9; Terry, 9; Arleen, 9; Mrs. Sallie Simmons, 6; and Percy Simmons, a year. They attend Cliff Temple, Natchez.

Fifteen people comprise 80 combined years of perfect attendance in Sunday School at Cliff Temple Church, Natchez. Nine of these (pictured) have five or more years of perfect attendance. These nine are: (L to R) Herbert Hughes, teacher, adult men, 5 years; Carla Wooten, 5 years; Randy Simmons, 9 years; Terry Simmons, 9 years; Clyde Simmons, 8 years; David Simmons, 6 years; Mrs. Sallie Simmons, teacher, youth, 6 years; Arleen Simmons, 9 years; and Trenton Simmons, 7 years. Rev. Bryant Hazlip is pastor.

Dr. Claude Rhea, Dean of the School of Music at Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, was recently the guest of First Church, Pontotoc. A former music consultant of the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Rhea spoke at the morning service on November 25, on world missions. At the evening service he presented a sacred concert, accompanied by Mrs. W. Levon Moore. The pastor is Dr. W. Levon Moore.

22 Years Perfect Attendance

Rev. Clark W. McMurray, pastor, First, Pascagoula, presents to Edward Trehern his pin for 22 years of perfect attendance in Sunday School. Pictured from left to right: Walter Smith, Sunday School director; Walter Trehern, Edward's father; Edward and Rev. McMurray; and Mrs. Trehern, Edward's mother.



WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE GUEST LECTURER, DR. CHESTER SWOR, center, climaxed a three-day spiritual emphasis as he concluded with a chapel address on Thursday, December 6. Shown chatting with Dr. Swor following his address are Carey students Bob Terry, left, president of the Religious Education Association, and Paul Parker, right, Baptist Student Union officer. Dr. Swor was involved with students in both formal and informal activities for the three-day period.

